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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/575,095	Applicant(s) PARMENTIER ET AL.	
	Examiner Davis Hwu	Art Unit 3752	

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-7, 9 and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8, 10-13, 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This case is being re-opened for prosecution.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 1-3, 8, 11-13, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montaner et al. in view of Jouillat.

Montaner et al. discloses a fluid dispenser head associating with a fluid dispenser member, the head comprising a body 8 defining a fluid outlet channel, a nozzle defining a dispenser orifice, a cover 4 assembled on the body to mask the body at least in part, and a skirt as recited in claim 8 (see Fig. 1 enclosed herein). Montaner et al. do not disclose overmolding. Jouillat teaches a fluid dispenser in which an endpiece 21 is overmolded to the top of a part 20a in the overmold will provide a secure connection between the two parts. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have overmolded the cover onto the body to provide a secure connection between the parts through the teaching of Jouillat.

Regarding claim 3, overmolding the cover onto the nozzle would have been a matter of design choice since overmolding various parts together has already been taught by the prior art and the device would still function properly with such an arrangement.

Regarding claims 12 and 13, Montaner et al. disclose the structural limitations of the instant invention and the method of overmolding has already been discussed above.

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4. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montaner et al. in view of Jouillat and further in view of Andris.

Andris teaches a fluid dispenser head comprising a nozzle 4 that projects outwards from the head. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the device of Montaner et al. by having the nozzle to project outwards from the peripheral surface as has been taught by Andris.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davis Hwu whose telephone number is (571)272-4904.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday 8:00-4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on (571)272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>.

/Davis Hwu/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3752